

the Women's Health Institute located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Negro-Vilar has also served as the NIEHS clinical director since 1991, contributing greatly to the Institute's initiatives in clinical research programs.



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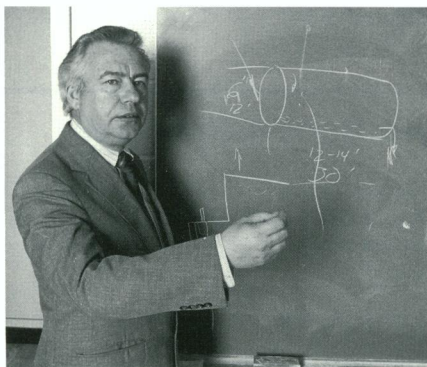
"His tenure has been marked by continued growth in our program and major advances in our science," said John McLachlan, NIEHS scientific director. McLachlan pointed out that the institute plans to continue and expand the institute's portfolio in neurosciences and clinical research related to the environment. A nationwide search will be conducted to fill leadership positions in these areas.

Doull and Clarkson among Those Honored with Society of Toxicology Awards

John Doull received the Society of Toxicology's highest award, the SOT Merit Award, at the SOT annual meeting, March 14-18 in New Orleans. The award is given in recognition of a distinguished career in toxicology. Doull is a professor of pharmacology and toxicology at the University of Kansas Medical Center, and his service on the NIH Toxicology Study Section and the NIEHS Advisory Council are among his many contributions to the field. He chaired the Panel on Chemical Carcinogenesis Testing and Evaluation, whose report became the working guidelines for the National Toxicology Program.

Thomas W. Clarkson received the prestigious Arnold J. Lehman Award at the annual SOT meeting. Clarkson is chair of the Department of Environmental Medicine at the University of Rochester, where he is also the director of an NIEHS Environmental Health Sciences Center that he was instrumental in establishing in 1975.

The Lehman Award is presented by the SOT to recognize major contributions to the control of chemical agents including pharmaceuticals. Clarkson is internationally recognized for his research on heavy metal toxicity, particularly mercury, and for his use of research data to develop quantitative assessments of risk from metal exposure to humans. Clarkson's studies have yielded important new information on the pharmacokinetics, toxicity, and metabolism of mercury compounds in both laboratory animals and humans. The Rochester group, for example, demonstrated the excretion of mercury through bile



Arnold J. Lehman Award winner. Thomas W. Clarkson was recognized for his work with mercury.

and subsequently identified polythol resins as a means of enhancing the rate of mercury excretion. This therapy was used in treating a massive outbreak of mercury poisoning in Iraq. Clarkson's work has been fundamental in regulations related to mercury.

Other major SOT awards presented to scientists affiliated with NIEHS were:

Harihara Mehendale, of Northeast Louisiana University, received an ICI Traveling Lectureship. He has been a visiting scientist and staff fellow at NIEHS.

Richard E. Peterson and colleagues at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, NIEHS grantees, received the Frank R. Blood Award, presented for the best article published in the two official SOT publications during the previous year, for their article, "*In Utero* and Lactational Exposure of Male Rats to 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-*p*-dioxin," published in *Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology*.

David L. Eaton, professor of environmental health and associate chairman, Department of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of Washington, received the SOT Achievement Award for young toxicologists (under 41 years of age). He holds several NIH research grants and serves as principal investigator on an NIEHS Superfund Program Project grant.

Curtis E. Klaassen, of the University of Kansas Medical Center, received the SOT Education Award for teaching and training toxicologists and making significant contributions to education in the broad field of toxicology. Klaassen serves on the National Toxicology Program Board of Scientific Councilors and is the chair of the NTP Technical Report Review Subcommittee.

Other Appointments and Awards

Max Costa has been appointed chair of the Department of Environmental Medicine at New York University Medical Center and director of the Nelson Institute of Environmental Medicine, an integral

part of the department. He succeeds Arthur C. Upton, who retired in 1992. With his appointment, Costa will also serve as director of the NIEHS Environmental Health Sciences Center at New York University Medical Center.


Albert Munson, of the Medical College of Virginia, has received the 1993 Virginia Outstanding Scientist award. Munson is an NIEHS training grant director and serves on the Environmental Health Sciences Review Committee.

Leona Samson, of Harvard University, and Debra Laskin, of Rutgers University, both NIEHS grantees, each received a Burroughs Wellcome Fellows Award.


The BASF Corporation Agricultural Product Group has announced a gift of \$150,000 in support of toxicology programs at North Carolina State University. The money will be used in the Department of Toxicology of the College of Agriculture and Life Science to support environmental toxicology programs. Members of the department have had a long-time affiliation with NIEHS, as grantees, research collaborators, and members of various committees and boards.

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